

Vice-Mayor Joe Martin called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 18, 2016. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Chris Schuchard, John Stauter, and Chris Wilen. Absent: Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee.

Also present were City Attorney Tim Zollinger, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Acting Police Chief Tim Morgan, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no communications from Visitors.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A) Approval of Minutes from July 5, 2016
- B) Approval of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$1,128,784.36
- C) **Resolution #R2016-7-16 to close Fourth Street for the Taste of Fiesta at Grandon Civic Center on Saturday, September 17, 2016**

The motion was seconded by Alderman Conklin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

James Rodgers has completed his probationary period. Jim Rodgers, his father, pinned him as a Firefighter.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to reappoint Spencer Schein to the Fire and Police Commission as recommended by Mayor Lee; seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2016-7-17 for the Library .02% Building and Maintenance Property Tax Levy for the Sterling Public Library**; seconded by Alderman Conklin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Schuchard made a motion to approve the Redevelopment Agreement with Lawrence Lofts, LP, at 101 East Third Street; seconded by Alderman Elston. This is a TIF eligible redevelopment agreement. Alderman Wilen asked about the 19 units restricted for low-income. Attorney Zollinger stated the income scale varies dependent on the size of the family. This agreement is for the tax increment after the City

receives \$8000 for expenses associated with the TIF District. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2016-7-16 to Rezone property south of Second Street between Second and Third Avenues with a Special Use Permit for 110 Second Avenue**; seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Wilen made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2016-7-18 Relating to Peddler and Solicitors**; seconded by Alderman Conklin. Acting Chief Morgan reported solicitors will carry permits that state they are not City employees and if problems arise, the solicitors' permits will be revoked. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to waive the building permit fees for the YMCA at 2505 Avenue E in the amount of \$769.00; seconded by Alderman Elston. Alderman Wilen asked if fees have been waived before. Superintendent Schmidt stated fees were waived in April 1999 when the YMCA was built. Vice-Mayor Martin explained that waiving fees in these tight budget times is difficult, especially when City time is used for review of plans and inspections. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Acting Chief Morgan reported National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at three locations: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wallace Park, and Kilgour Park.

Janna Groharing, Sterling Main Street Director, reported this weekend is the Music Fest at Grandon Civic Center and reminded everyone of the Tuesday evening Farmer's Market at Grandon from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Vice-Mayor Martin and the Sterling City Council welcomed Tim Zollinger as the new City Attorney.

Chief Cook reported the fire south of City Hall (300 block of East Second Street) brought a lot of attention. The smoke is gone now. It is difficult to get the smoldering fire until machinery can be used to lift the walls.

Alderman Conklin thanked Brad Schrader for the signs on Second and Third Avenues to inform the public that local businesses on Second Street were open.

Alderman Wilen thanked Morgan for his input on solicitors.

Alderman Elston reminded everyone of the municipal band concerts. The movie last week was well attended. Next week's movie is Aladdin. Elston encouraged everyone to try out the bicycle and walking trails in our area.

Alderman Schuchard warned people to watch out for Pokemon zombies. One of the sites is at the Dillon Home. Schuchard also warned of illegal bucket brigades located outside the downtown.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk